

INTERCONNECTION SERVICE FOR RADIO TELEPHONE UTILITIES (R.T.U.)

2. ESTABLISHING AND FURNISHING SERVICE (Continued)

2.1. RESPONSIBILITY OF TELEPHONE COMPANY (Continued)

2.1.8. REFUSAL AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE (Continued)

- B. Discontinue the provision of the services to the Carrier at any time thereafter. In the case of such discontinuance, all applicable charges, including special construction termination charges, shall become due. If the Telephone Company does not discontinue the provision of the services involved on the date specified in the thirty (30) days notice, and the Carrier's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Telephone Company's right to discontinue the provision of the services to the noncomplying Carrier without further notice.

2.1.9. COORDINATION WITH RESPECT TO NETWORK CONTINGENCIES

The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the Carrier to develop network contingency plans in order to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications services, subject to the Restoration Priority requirements of Part 64 of the F.C.C.'s Rules.

2.1.10. PROVISION OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The Telephone Company administers the assignment of NNX codes and telephone numbers under the North American Numbering Plan in World Zone 1 and will reasonably accommodate the needs of carriers for NNX codes and numbers. The Carrier and the Telephone Company will periodically review NNX and number requirements of the Carrier, as part of their regular network review to assure maximum utilization of NNX codes and number resources and to assure timely availability of NNX and number resources.

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2. ESTABLISHING AND FURNISHING SERVICE (Continued)

2.2. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CARRIER

2.2.1. GENERAL

The Carrier's interconnection circuits, equipment, and/or facilities must conform and be compatible with the industry/Telephone Company technical standards as set forth in technical references for the interconnection arrangement covered by this agreement.

2.2.2. DAMAGES

The Carrier shall reimburse the Telephone Company for damages to Telephone Company facilities utilized to provide services under this agreement caused by the negligence or willful act of the Carrier, or resulting from the Carrier's improper use of the Telephone Company facilities, or due to malfunction of any facilities or equipment provided by other than the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company will, upon reimbursement for damages, cooperate with the Carrier in prosecuting a claim against the person causing such damage and the Carrier shall be subrogated to the right of recovery by the Telephone Company for the damages to the extent of such payment.

2.2.3. OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES AND THEFT

Facilities utilized by the Telephone Company to provide service under the provisions of this agreement shall remain the property of the Telephone Company. Such facilities shall be returned to the Telephone Company by the Carrier, whenever requested, within a reasonable period following the request in as good condition as reasonable wear will permit.

2.2.4. EQUIPMENT SPACE AND POWER

The Carrier shall furnish or arrange to have furnished to the Telephone Company, at no charge, equipment space and electrical power required by the Telephone Company to provide services under this agreement at the points of interconnection of such services. The selection of ac or dc power shall be mutually agreed to by the Carrier and the Telephone Company. The Carrier shall also make necessary arrangements in order that the Telephone Company will have access to such spaces at reasonable times for installing, testing, repairing or removing Telephone Company services.

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2. ESTABLISHING AND FURNISHING SERVICE (Continued)

2.2. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CARRIER (Continued)

2.2.5. AVAILABILITY FOR TESTING

The services provided under this agreement shall be available to the Telephone Company at times mutually agreed upon in order to permit the Telephone Company to make tests and adjustments appropriate for maintaining the services in satisfactory operating condition. Such tests and adjustments shall be completed within a reasonable time. No credit will be allowed for any interruptions involved during such tests and adjustments.

2.2.6. DESIGN OF CARRIER SERVICES

Subject to the provisions of 2.1.7. preceding, the Carrier shall be solely responsible, at its own expense for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangement of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of the Telephone Company, minimum protection criteria or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

2.2.7. REFERENCES AND REPORTS TO THE TELEPHONE COMPANY

The Carrier may advise its end users that certain services are provided by the Telephone Company in connection with the service the Carrier furnishes to its end users; however, the Carrier shall not represent that the Telephone Company jointly participates in the Carrier's services.

The Carrier shall also advise its end users to report all cases of trouble to the Carrier. The Carrier shall advise the Telephone Company promptly via the designated reporting process when the trouble is believed due to equipment or facilities of the Telephone Company.

The reporting process is as follows:

- A. When the Carrier reports a trouble condition, it will first have used its best efforts to isolate the trouble to the Telephone Company's facilities. It will also advise the Telephone Company of the usage sensitivity of the facilities and the need for expedited clearance.

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2.2. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CARRIER (Continued)

2.2.7. REFERENCES TO THE TELEPHONE COMPANY (Continued)

- B. In cases where the Carrier indicates essential priority or usage sensitivity on facilities provided by the Telephone Company, the Telephone Company will expedite the clearance in a manner similar to its local procedures used to restore similar Telephone Company essential services.
- C. The Telephone Company and the Carrier will make cooperative tests, as appropriate, to eliminate the necessity for either party to dispatch repair forces needlessly to distant unattended locations merely to isolate the trouble.

2.2.8. CLAIMS AND DEMANDS FOR DAMAGES

- A. With respect to claims of patent infringement made by third persons, the Carrier shall defend, indemnify, protect and save harmless the Telephone Company from and against all claims arising out of the combining with, or use in connection with, the services provided under this agreement any circuit, apparatus, system or method provided by the Carrier.
- B. The Carrier shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Telephone Company from and against suits, claims, losses or damages including punitive damages, attorneys' fees and court cost by third persons arising out of the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, or removal of the Carrier's circuits, facilities, or equipment connected to the Telephone Company's services provided under this agreement, including, without limitation, Workmen's Compensation claims, actions for infringement of copyright and/or unauthorized use of program material, libel and slander actions based on the content of communications transmitted over the Carrier's circuits, facilities or equipment, and proceedings to recover taxes, fines, or penalties for failure of the Carrier to obtain or maintain in effect any necessary certificates, permits, licenses, or other authority to acquire or operate the services provided under this agreement provided, however, the foregoing indemnification shall not apply to suits, claims, and demands to recover damages for damage to property, death, or personal injury unless such suits, claims or demands are based on the tortious conduct of the Carrier, its officers, agents or employees.
- C. The Carrier shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Telephone Company from and against any suits, claims, losses or damages, including punitive damages, attorneys' fees and court costs by the Carrier or third parties arising out of act or omission of the Carrier in the course of using services provided under this agreement.

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2. ESTABLISHING AND FURNISHING SERVICE (Continued)

2.2. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CARRIER (Continued)

2.2.9. COORDINATION WITH RESPECT TO NETWORK CONTINGENCIES

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2.3. USE OF SERVICE

2.3.1. INTERFERENCE OR IMPAIRMENT

- A. The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment provided by other than the Telephone Company and associated with the facilities utilized to provide services under this agreement shall not interfere with or impair service over any facilities of the Telephone Company, cause damage to the Telephone Company's plant, impair the privacy of any communications carried over facilities or create hazards to the employees or the public.
- B. Except as provided for equipment or systems subject to Part 68, Section 68.108 of the F.C.C. Regulations, if such characteristics or methods of operation are not in accordance with A. preceding, the Telephone Company will, where practicable, notify the Carrier that temporary discontinuance of the use of a service may be required; however, where prior notice is not practicable, nothing contained herein shall be deemed to preclude the Telephone Company's right to temporarily discontinue forthwith the use of a service if such action is reasonable under the circumstances. In case of such temporary discontinuance, the Carrier will be promptly notified and afforded the opportunity to correct the condition which gave rise to the temporary discontinuance.

2.3.2. UNLAWFUL USE

The service provided under this agreement shall not be used by Carrier for an unlawful purpose.

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2. ESTABLISHING AND FURNISHING SERVICE (Continued)

2.4. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

2.4.1. PAYMENT OF RATES, CHARGES AND DEPOSITS

- A. The Carrier is subject to the regulations specified in Tariff P.U.C. - ME. - No. 15, Part A, Section 1, Paragraph 1.2.2.
- B. The Telephone Company shall bill on a current basis all charges incurred by and credits due to the Carrier under this agreement attributable to services established, discontinued, or performed during the preceding billing period.

2.4.2. MINIMUM PERIODS

The minimum period for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one month. A month is considered to be 30 days.

When a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable, whether the service is used or not. The applicable charges will be all nonrecurring charges and usage charges.

2.4.3. CANCELLATION OF AN ORDER FOR SERVICE

Cancellation by a Carrier of a pending order for service is subject to the provisions specified in Tariff P.U.C. - ME. - No. 15, Part A, Section 1, Paragraph 1.2.4.C.

2.4.4. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE FOLLOWING FIRE, FLOOD OR OTHER OCCURRENCE

A. Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply

Charges do not apply for the re-establishment of service following a fire, flood or other occurrence attributed to an Act of God provided that:

1. The service is of the same type as was provided prior to the fire, flood or other occurrence.
2. The service is for the same Carrier.

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2.4. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND CREDIT ALLOWANCES (Continued)

2.4.4. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE FOLLOWING FIRE, FLOOD OR OTHER OCCURRENCE (Continued)

3. The service is at the same POI on the same premises.
4. The Telephone Company will act to re-establish service as soon as possible after Telephone Company service is available.

B. Nonrecurring Charges Apply

Nonrecurring Charges apply for establishing service at a different POI on the same premises or at a different premises pending re-establishment of service at the original POI.

2.4.5. TITLE OR OWNERSHIP RIGHTS

The payment of rates and charges by Carrier for the services offered under the provisions of this agreement does not assign, confer or transfer title or ownership rights to proposals or facilities developed or utilized, respectively, by the Telephone Company in the provision of such services.

2.5. ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING, ADDITIONAL LABOR AND MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

The regulations, rates and charges for Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services are specified in Section 13 of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company Tariff F.C.C. No. 40.

2.6. SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

Rates, charges and liabilities for a special construction installation to provide facilities are specified in an agreement with the Carrier. The regulations as applicable for a special construction are specified in New England Telephone and Telegraph Company Tariff F.C.C. No. 41.

INTERCONNECTION SERVICE FOR RADIO TELEPHONE UTILITIES (R.T.U.)

3. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

3.1. CERTAIN TERMS USED HEREIN ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

Central Office

The term "Central Office" denotes a local Telephone Company switching system where Telephone Exchange Service customer station loops or service arrangements provided to the Carrier are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

C-Message Noise

The term "C-Message Noise" denotes the frequency weighted average noise within an idle voice channel. The frequency weighting, called C-message, is used to simulate the frequency characteristic of the 500-type telephone set and the hearing of the average subscriber.

C-Notched Noise

The term "C-Notched Noise" denotes the C-message frequency weighted noise on a voice channel with a holding tone, which is removed at the measuring end through a notch (very narrow band) filter.

End User

The term "End User", in conjunction with the provision of services under this agreement, denotes any customer of the Carrier's telecommunications service that is not a carrier.

Exchange

The term "Exchange" denotes a unit generally smaller than a Local Access and transport Area, established by the Telephone Company for the administration of communications service in a specified area served by the Telephone Company which usually embraces a city, town or village and its environs. It consists of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area. One or more designated exchanges comprise a given local Access and Transport Area.

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3. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

3.1. CERTAIN TERMS USED HEREIN ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: (Continued)

Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)

The term "Local Access and Transport Area" denotes a geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications services. It encompasses one or more designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

North American Numbering Plan (NANP)

A plan for assigning unique identification numbers to lines and stations, in which a number consists of a 3-digit area code or NPA (Numbering Plan Area), and a 7-digit number made up of a 3-digit central office code and a 4-digit line number within the central office code.

Point of Interconnection (POI)

The term "Point of Interconnection" (POI) denotes the demarcation point or network interface at the Carrier's premises at which the Telephone Company's responsibility for the provision of Interconnection Service ends. The point of demarcation or network interface is the point of interconnection between Telephone Company Communications facilities and Carrier provided facilities as defined in Section 68.3 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Premises

The term "Premises" denotes a building, or a portion of a building in a multitenant building, or buildings on continuous property (except Railroad Right-of-Way, etc.) not separated by a public highway.

Registered Equipment

The term "Registered Equipment" denotes the Carrier's premises equipment which complies with and has been approved within the Registration Provisions of Part 68 of the Federal Communication Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Return Loss

The term "Return Loss" denotes a measure of the similarity between the two impedances at the junction of two transmission paths. The higher the return loss, the higher the similarity.

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3. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS (Continued)

3.1. CERTAIN TERMS USED HEREIN ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: (Continued)

Switching System

The term "Switching System" denotes the hardware and/or software utilized by the Telephone Company for the establishment and maintenance of a given central office.

Transmission Path

The term "Transmission Path" denotes an electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering, e.g., a voice grade transmission path is capable of transmitting voice frequencies within the approximate range of 300 to 3000 Hz. A transmission path is comprised of physical or derived channels consisting of any form or configuration of facilities used in the telecommunications industry.

Trunk

The term "Trunk" denotes a transmission path connecting two switching systems in a network, used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

Trunk Group

The term "Trunk Group" denotes a set of trunks which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

Trunk-Side Connection

The term "Trunk-Side Connection" denotes the connection of a transmission path to the trunk (4-wire) side of the Telephone Company switching system.

Uniform Service Order Code

The term "Uniform Service Order Code" denotes a three or five character alphabetic, numeric, or an alphanumeric code that identifies a specific item of service or equipment. Uniform Service Order Codes are used in the Telephone Company billing system to generate recurring rates and nonrecurring charges.

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4. PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

Interconnection service from and to the facilities of the Carrier is available through interconnecting arrangements and local connecting circuits provided by the Telephone Company to the Carrier as long as there is in effect a radio station license granted to the Carrier by the Federal Communications Commission to operate as a Common Carrier under Part 22 of the F.C.C. Regulations and Carrier has complied with all applicable requirements of the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Type 3A interconnection service provides for the interchange of calls originating on NET's network and terminating on the Carrier's system for one way paging service. The paging transmissions provided by the carrier are intended for the delivery of highly limited information to the paging subscriber -- typically a beep or voice message of a few second duration or a short textual display.

4.1. TYPE OF SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDED BY THE CARRIER

The following service arrangement is provided by the Carrier in provision of one-way communications between a land line telephone and a land mobile receiving unit (pager).

A. Outpulsing Arrangement (Direct Dial)

The Carrier's terminal recognizes digits received from the Telephone Company's system, translates them and signals the Carrier's appropriate mobile unit.

4.2. TYPE OF INTERCONNECTION PROVIDED BY THE COMPANY

Type 3A interconnection is provided by the Telephone Company under this Agreement for use in conjunction with the Carrier provided service arrangement.

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4. PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE (Continued)

4.3. 3A INTERCONNECTION SERVICE

A. General

Type 3A Interconnection Service (incoming only) is provided from specifically designated Telephone Company central offices and is for the transport of messages to the Carrier's POI. At least one digital central office in each of the seven NPA's in the New England Telephone Company Region, will be equipped to provide Type 3A Service.

A group of seven-digit numbers, assigned by the Telephone Company, are provided for use with Type 3A service. The seven-digit numbers will be associated with the Telephone Company's serving wire center and are in the form of NNX-XXXX. More than one RCC may be assigned number groups from the same NNX code when joint planning sessions with the Telephone Company determine that this would be practical.

For direct dialed calls originating in the Telephone Company's exchanges and localities within the LATA, the Telephone Company will charge the Carrier a per message charge and a per minute charge as specified in 4.5.2.C following. No charges will be made to the dialing party.

Type 3A service will accommodate, except from step by step offices, seven (7) digit dialing from Telephone Company end offices within the NPA. Calls placed from Telephone Company step by step offices to a Type 3A equipped office within the NPA will require 1+7 digit dialing.

- B. Type 3A service as defined in this agreement will be provided from specifically designated Telephone Company central offices.

Type 3A Service is subject to the availability of equipment at the serving wire center. Numbers associated with this option are arranged in minimum groups of 100 numbers.

This service provides a 2-wire or 4-wire interconnection which, at the option of the Carrier, can be arranged for either Dial-Pulse, or DTMF outpulse signaling with either delay dial, immediate or wink start operation, from 3 to 7 digits corresponding to the numbers associated with the Type 3A trunk group. MF outpulsing is also available with wink start.

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4. PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE (Continued)

4.3. 3A INTERCONNECTION (continued)

Type 3A may be arranged, at the Carrier's option, with a digital interface which provides a DSI level digital transmission at the Carrier's point of interconnection. The digital interface is capable of transmitting electrical signals at a nominal 1.544 Mbps, with the capability to channelize up to 24 voice frequency transmission paths. The digital facility consists of either FLEXPATH^R Digital PBX Service, which is provided from a digital Telephone Company central office, or Analog to Digital conversion PBX Service, which is provided from an analog Telephone Company central office. Only the nonrecurring charges apply and are specified in Part C, Section 5 of Tariff P.U.C. - ME. - No. 15.

For originating calls (land to mobile), usage measurement begins when the Telephone Company's specifically designated switch receives answer supervision from the Carrier's point of interconnection. The measurement of originating call usage ends when the Telephone Company's specifically designated switch receives disconnect supervision from either the landline party's end office indicating the landline end user has disconnected or from the Carrier's point of interconnection, whichever is recognized first by the Telephone Company's specifically designated switch. The Carrier's system must return answer supervision immediately if the call can be processed. Answer supervision must be maintained a minimum of 2 seconds. Messages must not be transmitted or stored if the land station disconnects before the end of the minimum period. Therefore, confirmation of an acceptable paging call shall not be returned to the land station until after the minimum two second answer interval.

The above described usage measurement will be recorded in tenths of seconds and will be rounded up to the nearest whole minute at the end of the billing period.

When a Type 3A Service is discontinued, a common intercept announcement is provided. This arrangement provides, for a limited period of time, based on available facilities, an announcement that the Type 3A Service has been disconnected.

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4. PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE (Continued)

4.4. REGULATIONS

4.4.1. TRANSMISSION

The Telephone Company and Carrier obligations regarding network transmission are specified in Section 2 of this Appendix.

4.4.2. ACCEPTANCE TESTING

The Telephone Company will at the Carrier's request, cooperatively test, at the time of installation, the following parameters: loss, C-notched noise, C-message noise, 3-tone slope, d.c. continuity and operational signaling.

4.4.3. DESIGN LAYOUT REPORT

At the request of the Carrier, the Telephone Company will provide to the Carrier the facility design from the Carrier's POI to the first point of switching. This information will be provided in the form of a Design Layout Report. The Design Layout Report will be provided to the Carrier at no charge, and will be reissued or updated whenever these facilities are materially changed.

4.4.4. DESIGN CHANGE CHARGE

The Carrier may request a design change to the service ordered. A design change is any change to an Interconnection Order which requires engineering review. An engineering review is a review by Telephone Company personnel of the service ordered and the requested changes to determine if design changes are required to meet the Carrier's request. Design changes include, but are not limited to, the addition or deletion of optional features or a change in the type of interface. Design changes do not include a change in the type of interconnection service or Carrier premises or end office switch. Changes of this nature will require the issuance of a new order and the cancellation of the original order with minimum period charges, if applicable.

The Telephone Company will review the requested change, notify the Carrier whether or not the request can be accommodated as a design change and if a new service date is required. If the Carrier authorizes the Telephone Company to proceed with the request, a Design Change Charge will apply on a per order per occurrence basis. The applicable charge is:

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4.4. REGULATIONS (Continued)

4.4.4. DESIGN CHANGE CHARGE (Continued)

	<u>USOC</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
Design Change Charge, per order, per occurrence	H28	\$150.00

4.4.5. OUTSTANDING CHARGES AT TIME OF DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

When Interconnection Service is disconnected any outstanding nonrecurring charges and applicable usage charges will be billed.

4.4.6. SERVICE REARRANGEMENTS

Service rearrangements are changes to existing installed services which do not result in a change in the physical location of the point of interconnection at the Carrier's premises. Administrative changes as follows will be made without charge(s) to the Carrier:

- Change of Carrier name
- Change of Carrier's premises address when the change of address is not a result of a physical relocation of equipment
- Change in billing data (name, address, or contact name or telephone number)
- Change of Carrier circuit identification
- Change of billing account number
- Change of Carrier's contact name or telephone number

Changes in the type of service are treated as discontinuances of existing service and installations of new service, and will result in the billing of associated nonrecurring charges.

Changes in the physical location of the point of interconnection are treated as moves and are described and charged for as set forth in 4.4.7. following.

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4. PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE (Continued)

4.4. REGULATIONS (Continued)

4.4.7. MOVES

A move involves a change in the physical location of one of the following:

- The point of interconnection at the Carrier's premises
- The Carrier's premises

Moves will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply. The Carrier will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding charges for the discontinued service.

4.4.8. DATA TRANSMISSION

The interconnection services in this agreement are designed for voice grade communications, not for the transmission of data. Data transmission is not guaranteed over these facilities.

4.4.9. INTERCEPTION OF CALLS

The Carrier is responsible for providing interception of calls to its vacant or non-working assigned numbers by means of attendant intercept or recorded announcement.

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4. PROVISION AND DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE (Continued)

4.5. RATES AND CHARGES

4.5.1. TYPE 3A INTERCONNECTION SERVICE:

Type 3A Interconnection Service consists of either an Analog or Digital Transport Facility as specified in A. and B. following. The usage charges paid by the Carrier are specified in C. following.

	<u>USOC</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
A. Charges paid by the Carrier for Analog Facility:			
1. Per Trunk Group equipped, each.....	LWC	-	\$625.00*
2. Per Trunk equipped, each.....	U	-	\$100.00
B. Charges paid by the Carrier for Digital Facility:			
	<u>USOC</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
1. (Analog to Digital Conversion PBX service or FLEXPATH ^R service)	-	The nonrecurring charges for A/D Conversion PBX Service apply and are specified in the Telephone Company Tariff P.U.C. - ME. No. 15, Part C Section 5, Paragraph 5.3.2.B. For FLEXPATH ^R Service, the nonrecurring charges apply and are specified in Paragraph 5.2.2.B.	
2. When Analog to Digital Conversion PBX Service is provided, the charges for the Analog Facility in A. preceding also apply.			

*This change of \$625.00 is made only once, upon the initial establishment of a trunk group. For subsequent additions of trunks to an established trunk group, only the charge in 4.5.1.A.2., below applies.

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4.5. RATES AND CHARGES (Continued)

4.5.1. TYPE 3A INTERCONNECTION SERVICE: (Continued)

C. Usage Charges paid by the Carrier:

1. Usage Charge, per message..... \$.02
2. Usage Charge, per minute, cumulative. .06
(i.e., no time minimum per call)

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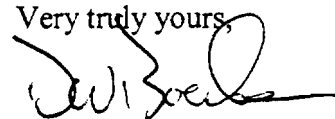
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RE: NEP, LLC v. Verizon Maine,
Docket No. 2000-918

Dear Peter:

At Staff's request, Verizon Maine has conducted an analysis to estimate the percentage of Landline-to-Mobile calls to NEP's reverse billing numbers that would be "local" to the originating caller. Utilizing a sample month's data from Verizon's MITAS database (June, 2001), Verizon examined all calls to three NXX codes assigned exclusively to NEP's reverse billing arrangement (818, 471 and 851).¹ The analysis reveals that approximately 20% of the billable minutes/message would have been "local" to the originating caller. The workpapers underlying this analysis are enclosed.

Very truly yours,



cc: Joseph Donahue, Esq. (w/enc. - US Mail) ✓
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¹ The MITAS database captures originating and terminating call detail only to the "NXX" level. Verizon's study is therefore based on the three NXXs codes that are exclusively assigned to NEP for reverse billing.

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Subject: Verizon "Reverse Billing" Products

This is to inform you that Verizon will eliminate the Reverse Billing/Standard Billing Alternative product (also known as LATA Wide Paging, Wide Area Calling, Type 3A service or Type 2/Calling Plan 2, depending upon the service area) effective October 1, 2002. Verizon is doing so due to a number of factors, in particular the difficulty in the billing and administration of the product once wireless Local Number Portability goes into effect. This notification is being provided to you at this time to allow a significant period of time (i.e., 12 months) to plan for elimination of this billing product. Where the product is offered via tariff, appropriate tariff filings will be made for product removal.

The product termination process will follow normal ordering procedures. Product termination will proceed in one of two ways: 1) you, the customer, may place orders for Reverse Billing/Standard Billing Alternative termination prior to October 1, 2002, and the orders will be worked via business-as-usual processes; or, 2) you may elect not to place your own orders in which case Verizon will generate internal orders for product termination with a due date of October 1, 2002. In the case of selection "2", work on the internal orders will begin on October 1, 2002 and proceed to completion. There will be no ordering charges applied for removal of Reverse Billing/Standard Billing Alternative.

Please note that only the Reverse Billing/Standard Billing Alternative billing option is affected. Other products and services will not be affected.

It is Verizon's desire to accomplish a smooth termination of this product, and Verizon will work with customers to do so. If you have questions about the ordering process or the product termination, please contact your Account Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John P. Sullivan".

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